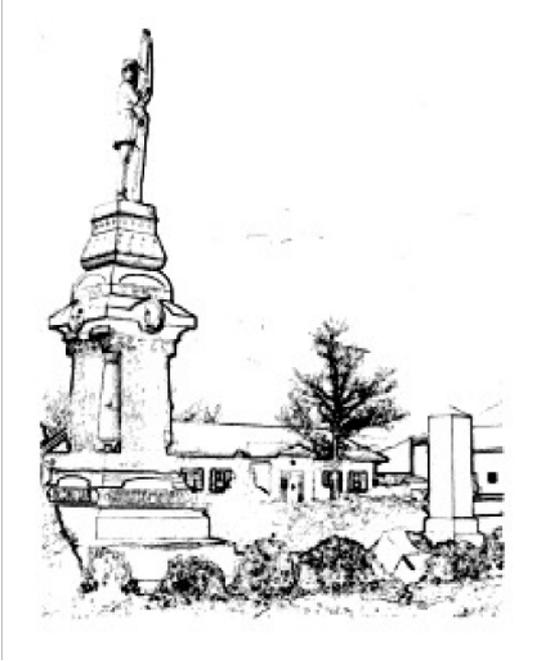


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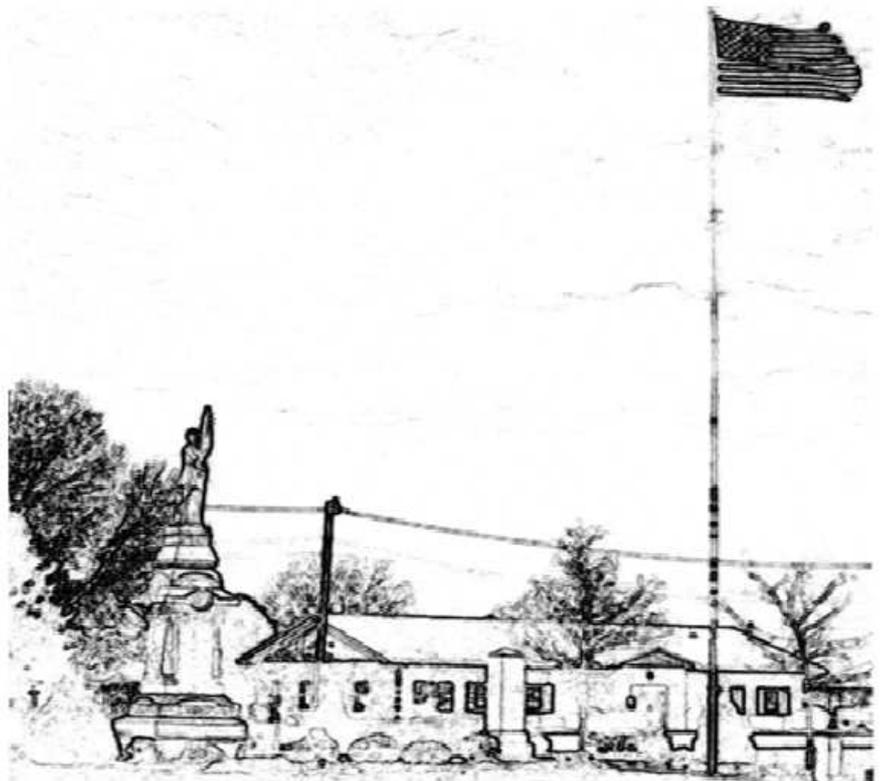
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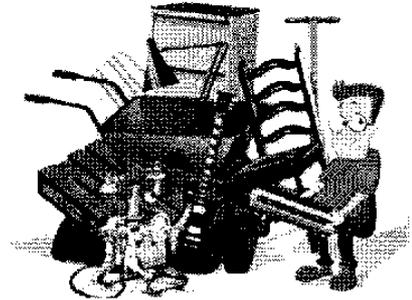


DUMPSTERS RETURN

September 8, 2012 from 8a.m to 12:00p.m.

PRIDE DAY was a success so the trustees have decided to rent dumpsters for an early fall large item clean-up for our township residents. *Materials allowed are the same as always. No tires, liquids, hazardous waste of any kind, or appliances containing Freon are allowed to be dropped off.*

Remember, township residents with trash pick-up can put LARGE items at the roadside on their normal pick-up day the second full week of each month. Check the Pittsfield website for announcements & weeks of large item pickups under "meetings and event calendar". Please note the above prohibited items are also excluded for roadside pick-up.



2012 TOWNSHIP PROJECTS

Roads

Summer road work has almost been completed. The trustees hope to have one more road project completed before winter. The paving of Hughes west of 58 has helped to stop bleeding of that road and the balance of Hughes road west will be paved soon. Sealing & Chipping of Hughes, Whitney & Pitts Roads have been completed as normal maintenance. Lytle Construction was the low bidder on most of the projects.

Cemeteries



The trustees have once again invested in cemeteries improvements. The South (St. Rt. 58) Cemetery received some stone straightening and repairs as well as the East Cemetery (St. Rt. 303). We are concerned the pine trees on the west side of the East Cemetery are not going to survive many more years. They may have a pine disease and may need to be replaced and will be monitored for the next few years.

Storm Water Projects

Storm water fees that everyone has to pay to the county will fund a ditch cleaning project in Pittsfield. Several projects in Lorain County scored high enough to receive funding as well as Pittsfield Township. If you have a ditch or tile that is in need of repair please contact one of the trustees. There are always more projects than money. However, we will attempt to apply for funding for as many projects as possible.

Welcome New Fiscal Officer

Welcome Pittsfield Township's new Fiscal Officer-Tari Diedrick. She is doing a great job handling the township's books, recording minutes and working on grants. She is currently employed by the Wellington Schools as a bookkeeper. With that experience, she has a great insight in public accounting. She can be reached at 440-774-8503 or email: tdiedrick@pittsfieldtwp.us. The Township mailing address has also changed and is now Tari Diedrick, 46333 St Rt 303, Wellington, Oh 44090



Lorain County Joint Police District is Formed

Pittsfield Township Trustees have elected to join the Lorain County Joint Police District (LCJPD), which was formed with support of the Lorain County Township Association. This will allow township residents to have a say in participation and funding of this district. Only 2 townships of Lorain Counties 18 Townships have opted out of this district, Columbia and Lagrange.

The District will be governed by Lorain County Joint Police District Board made up of a trustee of each participating township. Funds generated by a small levy, 1.25 mils, will be controlled by the LCJPD Board of Directors. The Board will collect the levy revenues, contract with the Sheriff and fund the Sheriff directly.

Funding will dedicate up to 10 deputies to patrol 3 districts in the participating townships, patrol cars, equipment and training for deputies. These deputies would be in addition to what the county provides funding for, presently about 25 deputies with grants provide by Solid Waste & the Federal Government. Most of the deputies are now used for court duty, hospital duty, serving warrants in townships and cities, sexual predator registrations, background checks and other duties. Deputies on patrol only amount to 2 or 3 to cover the whole county of 350+ sq. miles.

A contract with the Sheriff was drafted and approved by the LCJPD Board with a budget attached. The budget is approximately 1.3 Million each year for 5 years.

The levy that will be voted on by Pittsfield Township Residents and the other 15 townships in the district will be 1.25mils for 5 years costing about \$39 per 100,000 valuation. The vote will be for all 16 townships only and not individually.

The sample levy is below that will appear on the ballot in November:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)

LORAIN COUNTY JOINT POLICE DISTRICT

**A Majority Affirmative Vote Is
Necessary For Passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of the Lorain County Joint Police District for the purpose of **providing the payment of the costs incurred by district as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection** at a rate not exceeding 1.25 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.125 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2012, first due in calendar year 2013.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

INFO TO KNOW

Web <http://www.pittsfieldtp.us>

Need to rent the Pittsfield Town Hall? You can check availability of it by visiting our website: www.pittsfieldtp.us/ or call Pat Koniarski at 774-3828. Other information on the Web include Zoning Information, Meeting Dates, Republic's Large Item Pickups, A Blog of Current Controversy, plus more. Check it out!

Call 211

We have been made aware of a very valuable service that anyone in Lorain County can use. It a 211 phone service provided free of charge through United Way of Lorain County. It is a source of information on anything from local food banks, repair services to health services. United Way said it is used by both young and old. United Way is very proud of this free service they offer and want all to use it. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Fracking???

The trustees want to make all township residents aware of a possible controversial situation. Many of you are aware Columbia Gas has many natural gas storage wells in a large portion of Pittsfield Township. They have announced that they intend to drill into the deeper layers for the newly discovered oil and gas resources. Their stance is that leases signed in the early 1900s are valid. They feel this allows developing the resources that no one knew existed at the time the leases were signed.

No matter what your opinion is about the natural resource development; the fact remains that there are leases on a large portion of Pittsfield Township. The impact is going to be enormous There will be physical impact. A modern well site is on average 4 to 5 acres while being drilled. If a site is reclaimed after initial drilling, it is never the same.

Financial impact can be tremendous, both good and bad. You think you own 2 or 3 acres with a house with a clear title. You assume this is not your problem. **WRONG!** If your house lot was once a part of a farm or tract leased in 1940, your property is still leased and you would never know it.

What can be done remains to be seen. A nonprofit group has been formed to empower a large group of property owners to stand up to Columbia Gas and any other entities to protect the personal property rights of our land owners. This group is the Black River Landowners Association. You may have seen their booth at the Lorain County Fair. This group is active and will be making presentations at townships all around the area. .

Their website is: <http://www.blackriverla.org>. We recommend you check out Ohio Department of Natural Resources website for information on natural resource development.

We expect to hold a public meeting this fall. This will allow them to explain the benefit of banding together in this fight. The trustees will mail a post card to make everyone aware when the informational meeting will be held.

News Flash: Trustees have tentatively set Monday October 22, 2012 for a Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Fracking & Leases, School Levies and the new Police District. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative meeting.